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REQUEST LETTER TO CORRECT NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231.

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Commissioner:

Applicant hereby claims priority of United States Provisional Application No. 60/313,763 filed on August 20, 2001 on the above referenced patent application. Enclosed is replacement pages 2 and 3 of the specification which states the above priority claim and a new declaration signed by the inventors to be replaced with the one filed on August 29, 2001. Please issue a corrected filing receipt.

It is our understanding that no petition is required as we are submitting this request prior to the 4 (four) month term for amending the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1215. Please show our reference number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. Our Customer Number is 23600. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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